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Lesson 8

Numerical Expressions

I. Introduction

A **numerical expression** is a set of numbers that have been written together by utilizing arithmetic operators addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Law of Signs

Addition and Subtraction

Rule 1: Numbers with same sign, add the numbers (magnitudes) and keep the sign.

Rule 2: Numbers with different sign, subtract the numbers (magnitudes) and keep the sign of the larger one.

Examples

Rule 1: Same sign.

Add magnitudes



$$2 + 3 = + (2 + 3) = + 5$$

$$-2 - 3 = - (2 + 3) = - 5$$



Keep the sign

Rule 2: Different sign.

Subtract magnitudes



$$-2 + 3 = + (3 - 2) = + 1$$

$$+2 - 3 = - (3 - 2) = - 1$$



Use the large number sign

Multiplication and Subtraction

Rule 1: Numbers with same sign, the result will be positive.

Rule 2: Numbers with different sign, the result will be negative.

Examples

Rule 1: Same sign.

a. $(+4) \times (+2) = + 8$

b. $\frac{(+4)}{(+2)} = + 2$

} $+ + \Rightarrow +$

Same sign (positive)

c. $(-4) \times (-2) = + 8$

d. $\frac{(-4)}{(-2)} = + 2$

} $- - \Rightarrow +$

Rule 2: Different sign.

a. $(+4) \times (-2) = - 8$

b. $\frac{(+4)}{(-2)} = - 2$

} $+ - \Rightarrow -$

Different sign (negative)

c. $(-4) \times (+2) = - 8$

d. $\frac{(-4)}{(+2)} = - 2$

} $- + \Rightarrow -$

II. PEMDAS

In math, **order of operations** are the rules that state the sequence in which the multiple operations in an expression should be solved.

A way to remember the order of the operations is **PEMDAS**, where in each letter stands for a mathematical operation.

Order of Operations (PEMDAS)	
P	Parentheses
E	Exponent
M	Multiplication
D	Division
A	Addition
S	Subtraction

* **Note1: Multiplication / Division** have the same priority. If you have both multiplication and division, do the operations one by one in the order from left to right.

* **Note2: Addition / Subtraction** have the same priority. If you have both addition and subtraction, do the operations one by one in the order from left to right.

Example:

Solve: $10 \div 5 \times (10 \div 5) \times 10 \div 5$

$$10 \div 5 \times (10 \div 5) \times 10 \div 5$$

$$10 \div 5 \times 2 \times 10 \div 5$$

$$2 \times 2 \times 10 \div 5$$

$$4 \times 10 \div 5$$

$$40 \div 5$$

$$8$$

Exercises

1. Solve:

a. $9 - 6 \div 3 \times 5$

$$9 - 2 \times 5$$

$$9 - 10$$

$$-1$$

b. $(9 - 6) \div 3 \times 5$

$$3 \div 3 \times 5$$

$$1 \times 5$$

$$5$$

c. $1 \times 2 + 3 - 4 \times 5 \div 6$

$$2 + 3 - 4 \times 5 \div 6$$

$$2 + 3 - 20 \div 6$$

$$2 + 3 - \frac{10}{3}$$

$$\frac{15}{3} - \frac{10}{3}$$

$$\frac{5}{3}$$

d. $6 + (-16) \div 2 \times (-2)$

$$6 + (-8) \times (-2)$$

$$6 + 16$$

$$22$$

Lesson 5

Quadratic Equations

I. Introduction

Quadratic Equations are in the following form:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0; \quad a \neq 0$$

Notation:

x : Variable

a, b, c : Constants

x_1, x_2 : Roots (Solutions)

$S = x_1 + x_2$ (Sum of Roots)

$P = x_1 \cdot x_2$ (Product of roots)

$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ (Discriminant)

Formulas:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0; \quad a \neq 0$$

$$S = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}; \quad \Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$$

The Quadratic equation has:

- no solution if $\Delta < 0$.
- one distinct solution if $\Delta = 0$.
- two distinct solutions if $\Delta > 0$

Let $S = x_1 + x_2$ and $P = x_1 \cdot x_2$, then one equation with the solutions x_1, x_2 are:

$$x^2 - Sx + P = 0 \quad (\text{Professor formula})$$

Why can S and P be considered as the soul of the quadratic equation?

Procedure to find integer solutions for quadratic equations quickly:

1. Calculate S and P .
2. List all the positive factor pairs of P .

Note: Start the first column with 1 and P
Add new factor pairs in increasing order until a number is repeated.

3. Determine the signs of the factors:

The second column has the same sign as S .

If $P > 0$, both columns have the same sign.

If $P < 0$, the first column has the opposite sign of the second column.

4. Select the factor pair with the sum equal to S .

Example: Let $P = -12$ and $S = 1$, then:

$$-1 \quad +12 \quad \Rightarrow \text{Sum} = 11$$

$$-2 \quad +6 \quad \Rightarrow \text{Sum} = 4$$

$$-3 \quad +4 \quad \Rightarrow \text{Sum} = 1 \quad \text{Ok}$$

PS: S and P can be considered as the soul of the quadratic equation because if S and P didn't solve it very fast, they could be used to check easily their roots x_1 and x_2 .

2. Let x_1 and x_2 be the solutions to

$$x^2 - 10x + 10 = 0. \text{ Find:}$$

$$\text{a. } x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b}{a} = 10$$

$$\text{b. } x_1 \cdot x_2 = \frac{c}{a} = 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } (x_1)^2 + (x_2)^2 &= \\ (x_1 + x_2)^2 &= (x_1)^2 + 2x_1x_2 + (x_2)^2 \\ (x_1)^2 + (x_2)^2 &= S^2 - 2P \\ &= 10^2 - 2(10) \\ &= 80 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d. } \frac{x_1}{x_2} + \frac{x_2}{x_1} &= \frac{(x_1)^2 + (x_2)^2}{x_1x_2} \\ &= \frac{80}{10} = 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * \text{ e. } (x_1)^3 + (x_2)^3 &= (x_1 + x_2) \left((x_1)^2 - x_1x_2 + (x_2)^2 \right) \\ &= S(S^2 - 2P - P) \\ &= S(S^2 - 3P) \\ &= S^3 - 3SP \\ &= 10^3 - 3 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \\ &= 1,000 - 300 \\ &= 700 \end{aligned}$$

Lesson 5

Homework

1. Solve

$$\text{a. } x^2 - 10x + 24 = 0$$

$$\text{b. } x^2 - 6x + 6 = 0$$

2. Simplify

$$\text{a. } \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x + 1} = 0$$

$$\text{b. } \frac{x^4 - 5x^2 + 4}{x^2 - 4} = 0$$

3. Let x_1 and x_2 be the solution to

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0. \text{ Find:}$$

$$\text{a. } x_1 + x_2 =$$

$$\text{b. } x_1 \cdot x_2 =$$

$$\text{c. } (x_1)^2 + (x_2)^2 =$$

$$\text{d. } \frac{x_1}{x_2} + \frac{x_2}{x_1} =$$

$$* \text{ e. } (x_1)^3 + (x_2)^3 =$$

4. Solve

$$\text{a. } \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + \dots}}}} = 2; x \geq 0$$

Lesson 4

Quadratic Functions

I. Introduction

Quadratic function is any function in the form:

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c; \quad a \neq 0$$

1. Factoring Form:

$$y = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2); \quad x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \text{ (Roots)}$$

2. Graph of the quadratic function (Parabola).

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

Procedure:

a. Find the roots of the quadratic equation.

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, using the sum and product technique.

$$S = -\frac{b}{a} \text{ and } P = \frac{c}{a}$$

b. If the roots are not found then calculate:

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac \text{ and } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

If $\Delta = 0 \Rightarrow$ Two distinct real roots

If $\Delta > 0 \Rightarrow$ One real root

If $\Delta < 0 \Rightarrow$ No real roots

c. Find the vertex of the parabola.

Method 1: Formulas:

$$x_v = \frac{-b}{2a} \text{ and } y_v = \frac{-\Delta}{4a}$$

Method 2 : Symmetry.

$$x_v = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \text{ (average of } x_1 \text{ and } x_2)$$

$$y_v = f(x_v) = a(x_v)^2 + b(x_v) + c$$

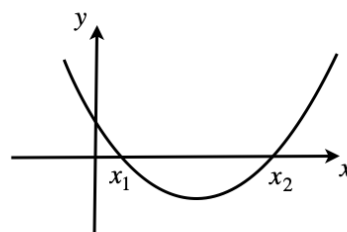
d. Find the x and y intercepts.

x intercepts are $x_1, x_2 \dots (y = 0)$

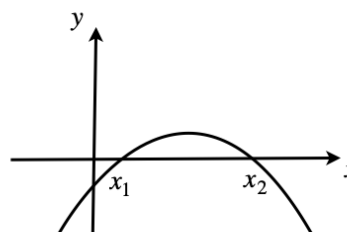
y intercept is "c." ($x = 0$)

e. Determining the concavity:

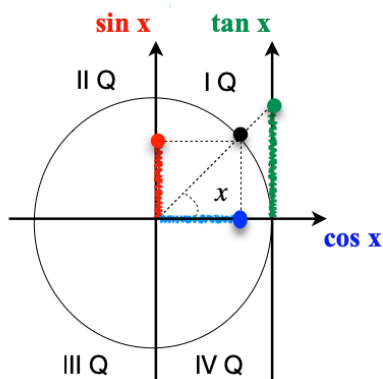
$a > 0 \Rightarrow$ Upward



$a < 0 \Rightarrow$ Downward



IV. Trigonometric Ball



V. Trigonometric Table

	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$
$\sin x$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
$\cos x$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\tan x$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$

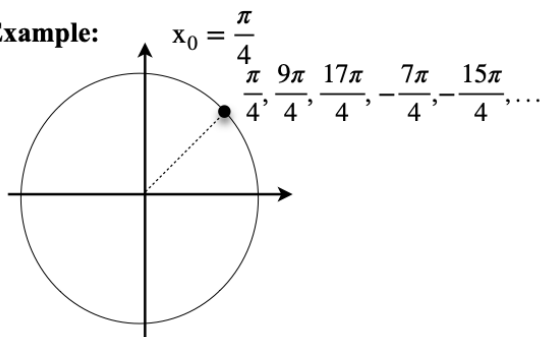


General Solution:

$$x = x_0 + 2\pi k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

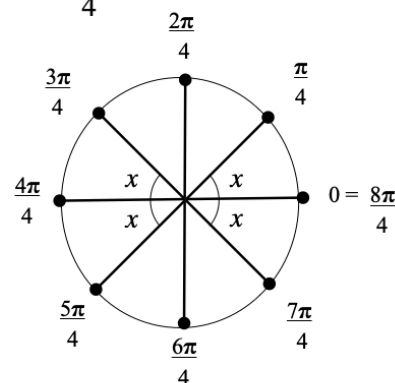
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 Angle Initial Period

Example:



Given an angle in the I Quadrant, we can easily get the angles in the other quadrants.

Example: $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$

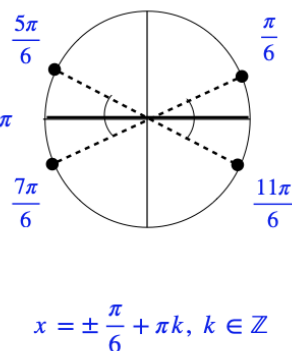
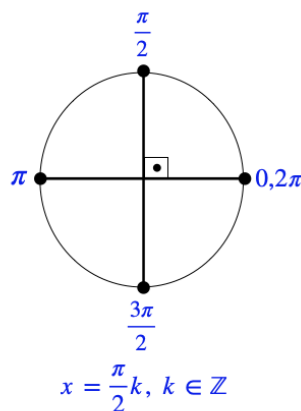


V. Examples

1. Find the angles and the general solution for the trigonometric balls.

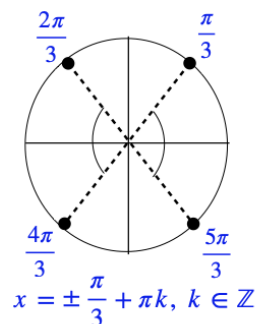
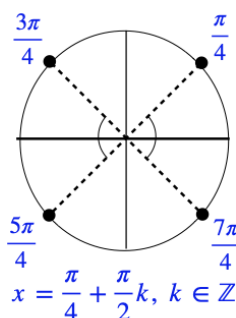
a. $x = 90^\circ$

b. $x = 30^\circ$



c. $x = 45^\circ$

d. $x = 60^\circ$



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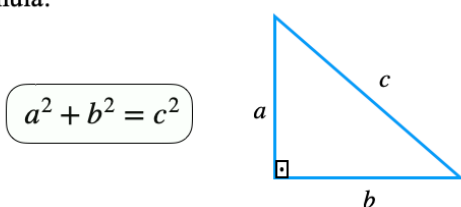
Right Triangle

I. Introduction

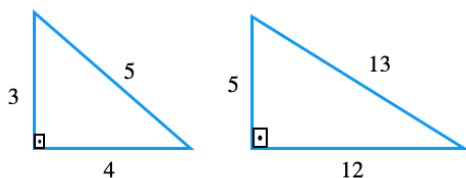
Right triangles are triangles in which one of the interior angles is 90° .

Pythagorean theorem

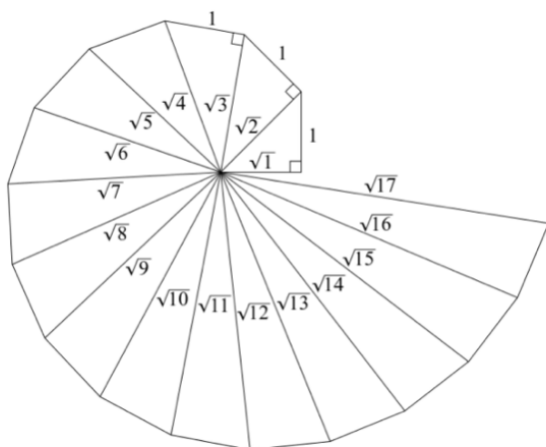
In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides. This relationship is represented by the formula:



The most famous Pythagorean triangles are:



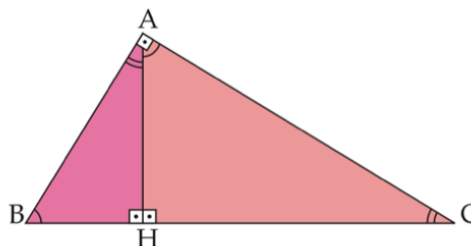
A **Square Root Spiral** is a series of right triangles arranged in a spiral configuration such that the hypotenuse of one right triangle is a leg of the next right triangle.



III. Exercises

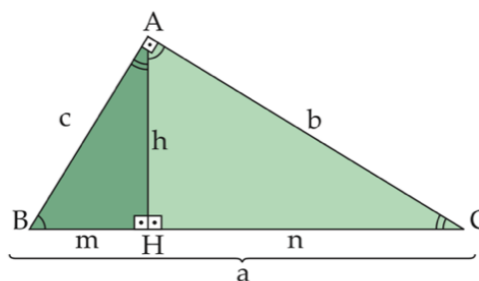
Metric Relations in a Right Triangle

In every right triangle, the height relative to the hypotenuse determines two triangles similar to the first and similar to each other.



$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle HBA \sim \triangle HAC$$

These three similar triangles derive the following five important formulas in the right triangle.



$$c^2 = a \cdot m$$

$$b^2 = a \cdot n$$

$$h^2 = m \cdot n$$

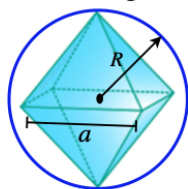
$$b \cdot c = h \cdot a$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} = \frac{1}{h^2}$$

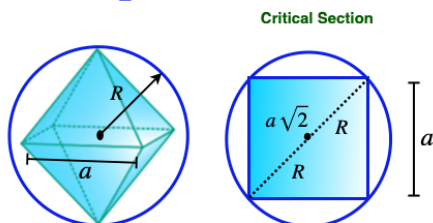


II. Examples

1. Find the radius r of a circumscribed sphere to a regular octahedron with edge a .



Solution: $R = \frac{a\sqrt{2}}{2}$

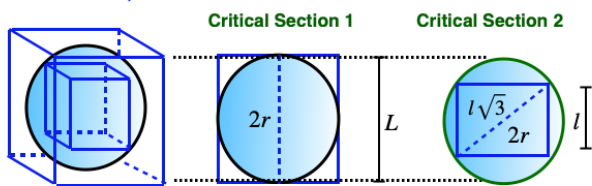


In the critical section, we have:

$$2R = a\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow R = \frac{a\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

2. Calculate the ratio between the volumes of the circumscribed and the inscribed cubes on a sphere with radius r .

Solution: $\frac{V}{v} = 3\sqrt{3}$



In section 1, $L = 2r$

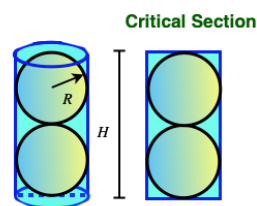
In section 2, $l\sqrt{3} = 2r \Rightarrow l = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}r$

$$K = \frac{L}{l} \Rightarrow K = \frac{2r}{\left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}r\right)} \Rightarrow K = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{V}{v} = K^3 \Rightarrow \frac{V}{v} = (\sqrt{3})^3 \Rightarrow \frac{V}{v} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

III. Exercises

1. In a 12 cm high cylindrical container, we place two spheres, one over the other, in such a way that these spheres touch the bases of the cylinder and its lateral surface. Determine the difference between the volume (cm^3) of the cylinder and the volume of the two spheres.



- a) 4π b) 12π c) 24π d) 36π e) 48π

Solution: d

$$H = 12 \text{ cm}$$

$$H = 4R \Rightarrow R = \frac{H}{4} \Rightarrow R = \frac{12}{4} \Rightarrow R = 3 \text{ cm}$$

$$V = V_{\text{cylinder}} - 2V_{\text{sphere}}$$

$$V = \pi R^2 H - 2\left(\frac{4\pi R^3}{3}\right)$$

$$V = \pi(3)^2(12) - 2\left(\frac{4\pi(3)^3}{3}\right)$$

$$V = 36\pi \text{ cm}^3$$

Lesson 4

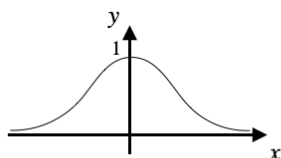
Special Limits

I. Special Limits

The two special limits are:

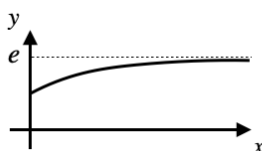
$$y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$



$$y = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e$$



II. Examples

1. Find the following limits given that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x}{\sin x} &= 5 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin x} \\ &= 5 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{\sin x}{x}} \\ &= 5 \left[\frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}} \right] = \frac{5}{1} = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{x} =$$

$$\text{Let } y = 5x \begin{cases} y \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{\frac{y}{5}} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{5 \sin y}{y} \\ &= 5 \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 5 \cdot 1 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the following limit given that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{x}\right)^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{x}{2}}\right)^x$$

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow x = 2y \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \rightarrow \infty \\ y \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{x}\right)^x = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{y}\right)^{2y}$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{y}\right)^y \right]^2$$

$$\left[\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{y}\right)^y \right]^2 = e^2$$

III. Exercises

1. Find the following limits given that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x} \\ &= 1 - 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos x} \\ &= 1 \cdot 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} =$$

$$\text{Let } y = 2x \Rightarrow x = \frac{y}{2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{\frac{y}{2}} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} 2 \frac{\sin y}{y} \\ &= 2 \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 2 \cdot 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the tangent line of the curve $x^3 + 2y^2 = 10$ at the point $P(2,1)$.

Hint: Tangent line: $y - y_0 = \frac{dy}{dx}(x - x_0)$

Using implicit derivative at $P(2,1)$ we have:

$$3x^2 + 4y \cdot y' = 0$$

$$3 \cdot (2)^2 + 4 \cdot (1) \cdot y' = 0$$

$$12 + 4y' = 0$$

$$y' = -3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -3$$

The tangent line of the curve at $P(2,1)$ are:

$$y - y_0 = \frac{dy}{dx}(x - x_0)$$

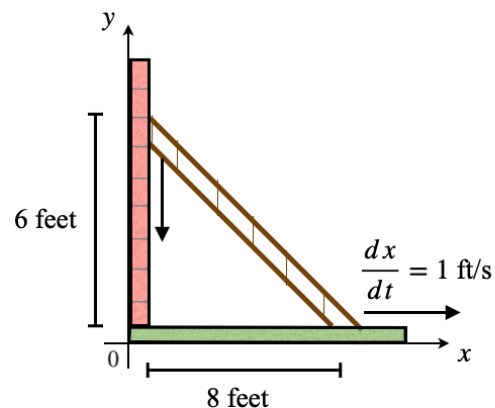
$$y - 1 = -3(x - 2)$$

$$y - 1 = -3x + 6$$

$$y = -3x + 7.$$

*3. A ladder 10 ft long is resting against a wall.

If the bottom of the ladder is sliding away from the wall at a rate of 1 ft/s, how fast is the top of the ladder moving down when the bottom of the ladder is 8 ft from the wall?



By the Pythagorean theorem:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 100$$

The implicit derivative of the equation

$x^2 + y^2 = 100$ at the point $P(8,6)$ is:

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

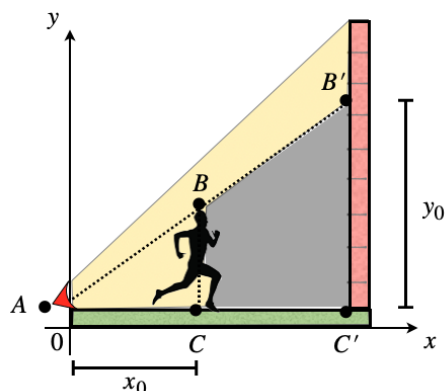
$$2 \cdot (8) \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (6) \cdot y' = 0$$

$$16 + 12y' = 0$$

$$y' = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4}{3} \text{ ft/s}$$

*Extra. A 6 ft tall prisoner is attempting to escape from the minimum security prison in North Bay. He runs in a straight line towards the prison wall at a speed of 5 ft/s. The guards shine a spotlight, located on the ground 100 ft from the wall, on the prisoner as he begins to run. At what rate $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$ does his shadow on the prison wall decreases when he is 50 ft away from the wall?



$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle AB'C' \Rightarrow \frac{\overline{AC}}{BC} = \frac{\overline{AC'}}{B'C'}$$

$$\frac{x}{6} = \frac{100}{y} \Rightarrow xy = 600$$

For $x_0 = 50$ ft, we have:

$$50y_0 = 600 \Rightarrow y_0 = 12 \text{ ft.}$$

The implicit derivative of the equation $xy = 600$ at the point $P(x_0, y_0)$ is:

$$\frac{dx}{dt}y + x\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt}y_0 + x_0\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$5 \cdot 12 + (50)\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -1.2 \text{ ft/s}$$

Lesson 4 Homework

1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ implicitly, given the following

equations:

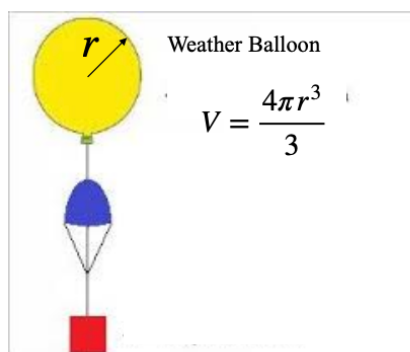
a. $y = x^2 + 2 = 0$

b. $2y = x^2 + 2 + y$

2. Use implicit derivative to determine the slope $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$ of the ellipse $x^2 + 4y^2 = 40$ at the point $P(2,3)$.

3. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $x^4 + y^4 = 2xy$ at $P(1,1)$.

*4. A large yellow weather balloon is being deflated and its volume V is decreasing at a rate of change $\left(\frac{dV}{dt}\right)$ of 24 ft³/h. Find the rate of change of the radius $\left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)$ when the radius is 2 ft.



Lesson 1

Integrals

I. Introduction

There are two fundamental problems of calculus. The first one is to find the slope of a curve at a point (Derivatives), and the second is to find the area of a region under a curve (Integral). These problems are quite easy in high school when the function is linear.

Example - High School

The velocity of a car is given by the following function: $v(t) = 2t$

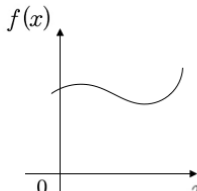
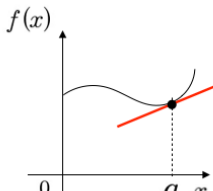
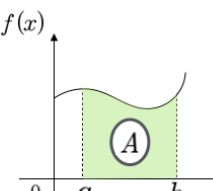
Acceleration

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{v_1 - v_0}{t_1 - t_0} \\ &= \frac{2 - 0}{1 - 0} \\ &= 2 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Displacement

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{b \cdot h}{2} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2} \\ &= 1 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

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Acceleration $\left(\frac{m/s}{s}\right)$	Slope $\left(m = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}\right)$	Derivative
Displacement $\left(\frac{m}{s} \cdot s\right)$	Area $\left(A = \frac{b \cdot h}{2}\right)$	Integral

	Function	Derivative	Integral
Notation	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$\int_a^b f(x) dx$
Representation			
Meaning	$f(x)$ as a function of x	$f'(a)$ is the slope of the tangent line at $x = a$.	The area of the curve $f(x)$ on the interval $[a, b]$.

Lesson 4

Integration by Parts

I. Introduction

The table of integrals and substitution are the first attempts to solve integrals. The integration by parts is a powerful technique to solve a much larger set of functions. There are two ways to do integration by parts: The standard method and the column method.

II. Standard Method

If u and v are differentiable functions then:

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

Sometimes the integral $\int v du$ is easier to solve than the integral: $\int u dv$.

Example: Solve $I = \int e^x x dx$

1. First Attempt: $I = \int \underbrace{e^x}_u \underbrace{x dx}_{dv}$

$$u = e^x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = e^x \Rightarrow du = e^x dx$$

$$dv = x dx \Rightarrow \int dv = \int x dx \Rightarrow v = \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Note: The constant “c” will be added only in the final answer.

Then: $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

$$\int e^x x dx = e^x \frac{x^2}{2} - \int \frac{x^2}{2} e^x dx$$

(More difficult Integral)

2. Second Attempt: $I = \int \underbrace{x}_u \underbrace{e^x dx}_{dv}$

$$u = x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow du = dx$$

$$dv = e^x dx \Rightarrow \int dv = \int e^x dx \Rightarrow v = e^x$$

Then $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

$$\int x e^x dx = x e^x - \int e^x dx$$

(Easier Integral)

$$\int x e^x dx = x e^x - e^x + c$$

Note: Add a constant “c” in the final answer.

III. Rule of Thumb

How Do You Choose the u ?

(Let Patrick Teaching Easy)

L	P	T	E
$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$
L	P	T	E
O	O	R	X
G	L	I	P
	Y	G	O

Example:

$$\int e^x x dx \Rightarrow \int x e^x dx$$

$$u = x \quad (\text{Polynomial})$$

$$dv = e^x dx \quad (\text{Exponential})$$

Note: Polynomial functions have a higher priority than exponential functions.

* Extra. $I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin x \cos x \, dx$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{D} & & I \\
 \sin x & \xrightarrow{+} & \cos x \\
 \cos x & \xleftarrow{-} & \sin x
 \end{array}$$

$$I = \sin^2 x - \int \sin x \cos x \, dx$$

$$I = \sin^2 x - I$$

$$2I = \sin^2 x$$

$$I = \frac{\sin^2 x}{2} + c$$

$$I = \left[\frac{\sin^2 x}{2} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$I = \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{2} - \frac{\sin^2(0)}{2}$$

$$I = \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2}{2}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{4}$$

Lesson 4 Homework

1. Solve the following integrals:

a. $\int x \cos x \, dx =$

b. $\int \ln x \, dx =$

c. $\int x^2 \sin x \, dx =$

d. $\int e^x \sin x \, dx =$